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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated May 7, 2007, claims 1-16 were pending, with claims 1-9, and 15 allowed, and claims 10-14 and 16 rejected.

In the Office Action, claims 10-11, 13 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over UK Patent Application No 2272604 ("Rees"), in view of U.S. Patent 5,752,165 ("Hokkanen"). Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Rees. Further, claim 12 was rejected as being obvious over Rees and further in view of "Instant Messaging and Presence Using SIP" ("Donovan").

Discussion of Amendments to the Claims

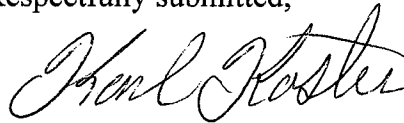
Claims 1-9, and 15 are allowed, and applicant has cancelled rejected claims 10-14 and 16 in order to draw prosecution of the application to a close. Therefore, all pending claims in the present application are in allowable state and Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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Conclusion

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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